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X People's Revolutionary Army
OF ERP ACTS OF

TERRORISM IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE; SOME DETAILS

ON STATUS AND BACKGROUND OF THE TUCUMAN ARMY SWEEP

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY
(ERP) PLANS TO ENGAGE IN SPECTACULAR ACTS OF TERRORISM IN
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. [REDACTED][REDACTED] THE ERP INTENTION IS TO USE SMALL SIZE SQUADS
TO ENGAGE IN SENSATIONAL, HIGH-PROFILE TERRORIST ACTS AS A
MEANS TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM THE COUNTERINSURGENCY~~SECRET~~

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SWEEP BY THE ARMY IN THE PROVINCE OF TUCUMAN AND TO ATTEMPT
TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF THE ERP TERRORIST
CAPABILITY. [REDACTED] DOES NOT EXPECT THE ERP TO
ATTACK FIXED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, BUT RATHER TO CONCENTRATE
ON ACTS OF SABOTAGE, ASSASSINATIONS AND ABDUCTIONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED]

PREVIOUSLY

ANTICIPATED ERP TERRORIST OFFENSIVES WHICH NEVER MATERIALIZED.

NEVERTHELESS, INFORMATION OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WOULD APPEAR TO GIVE ARMY ANALYSTS A MORE
SOLID BASIS UPON WHICH TO ASSESS ERP INTENTIONS. ALSO, WHILE
THERE IS FREQUENTLY A GREAT DEAL OF SLIPPAGE BETWEEN PLANS AND
THE ACTUAL EXECUTION OF PLANS, IT WOULD APPEAR LOGICAL FOR THE
ERP TO UNDERTAKE ACTIONS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE RECENT
GOVERNMENT REPRESSION HAS NOT SEVERELY AFFECTED ERP CAPABILITY
TO ENGAGE IN TERRORISM.)

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[REDACTED] THE SPIRIT AND MORALE OF THE OFFICERS INVOLVED
REMAIN HIGH AND THAT THEY REMAIN HOPEFUL OF MODERATE SUCCESS
IN THE VENTURE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT RECENT INFORMATION
INDICATES THAT SOME ERP UNITS MAY HAVE LEFT THE AREA OF
OPERATION. [REDACTED] THE ARMY HAS NOT YET INITIATED
COMBAT PATROLS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE THE GUERRILLAS WHO ARE
SUSPECTED OF BEING IN THE AREA, BUT THAT A NUMBER OF
RECONAISSANCE PATROLS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT.

3. [REDACTED] THE
DEVELOPMENTS LEADING TO THE ARMY'S INVOLVEMENT IN TUCUMAN
AND [REDACTED] THERE IS SOME RESENTMENT WITHIN SENIOR ARMY RANKS
OVER THE ARMY'S NEW, ACTIVE COUNTERGUERRILLA ROLE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO GET THE ARMY INVOLVED
IN ACTIVE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO
COMPROMISE THE ARMY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THEREBY ELIMINATE
ANY CHANCES FOR A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT. THERE IS ALSO SOME
RESENTMENT OVER THE TACTICS BEING FOLLOWED IN THE TUCUMAN
OPERATION, HOWEVER, [REDACTED]
THAT THE MAJORITY OF HIGH-RANKING ARMY OFFICERS DO NOT

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AGREE THAT THE TUCUMAN COUNTERINSURGENCY SWEEP IS A TOTALLY
NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND DO NOT SHARE THE BELIEF THAT THE
ARMY WAS FORCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INTO THIS ACTION. WHILE
THIS LATTER GROUP OF OFFICERS ADMITS THE EXISTENCE OF PRESSURE
BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR SUCH INVOLVEMENT, THEY ALSO RECONGINZE
THAT THE TUCUMAN OPERATION WAS ACCEPTED READILY BY MOST
OFFICERS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACT TO THE ERP ASSASSINATION
CAMPAIGN IN LATE 1974 AGAINST ARMY OFFICERS AND TO ENGAGE
AN ARMED FORCE WHICH IN EFFECT HAS CHALLENGED THE ARMY IN ONE
OF ARGENTINA'S PROVINCES.

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SUBJECT ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT *ARG.* POLITICAL DYNAMICS

WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND

THE *PERONIST PARTY* (*JUSTICIALIST PARTY*)

ARG.
SUMMARY. THE SUPPORTERS OF JOSE *LOPEZ REGA* SOCIAL
WELFARE MINISTER AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA

MARTINEZ DE PERON, WHO FOR THE MOST PART COMPRISE THE
PRESIDENT'S INNER CIRCLE, ARE LOOKING BEYOND THE CURRENT

PRESIDENTIAL TERM AND ARE PLANNING FOR A CONTINUATION OF

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POWER, THROUGH PRESIDENT MARTINEZ DE PERON, AFTER THE 1977 ELECTIONS, AT PRESENT, THESE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVE THAT RIVAL FACTIONS WITHIN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT REPRESENT THE GREATEST THREAT TO THEIR AMBITIONS, PARTICULARLY THAT LED BY INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ~~X~~ ROCAMORA ARG. AND DUILIO ~~X~~ BRUNELLO ARG.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE JUSTICIALIST PARTY, THE LOPEZ REGA SUPPORTERS ALSO BELIEVE THAT RAUL ~~X~~ CASTIRI ARG., PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, HAS PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS AND VIEW HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH ROCAMORA, BRUNELLO AND RADICAL PARTY LEADERS WITH SUSPICION. THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA IS TRADITIONALLY REGARDED AS A MICROCOSM OF NATIONAL POLITICS; THUS, THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN ROCAMORA AND FEDERAL INTERVENTOR RAUL ~~X~~ ACABANNE ARG., WHO IS BEING SUPPORTED BY LOPEZ REGA, IS EXPECTED TO HAVE NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT PERONIST INFIGHTING. END SUMMARY.

1. A GREAT DEAL OF POLITICAL MANEUVERING AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN AT THIS TIME BY INDIVIDUALS AND AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND WITHIN THE JUSTICIALIST (PERONIST) PARTY. THERE ARE TWO DIFFERING PREMISES UPON WHICH THE MANEUVERING AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING

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ARE BASED: A) THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT ONLY FINISH THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL TERM, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE POLITICAL POWER IN THE COUNTRY UPON BEING REELECTED IN 1977; AND B) THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL RESIGN HER POSITION BEFORE COMPLETING HER PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

2. THE SUPPORTERS OF JOSE LOPEZ REGA, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO JOSE MARIA ~~X~~ V I L L O N E, ^{ARG} PRESS AND PROPAGANDA SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT; CARLOS ALEJANDRO ~~X~~ V I L L O N E, ^{ARG} DEPUTY OF LOPEZ REGA IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY AND FIRST COUSIN TO JOSE MARIA VILLONE; RICARDO ~~X~~ O T E R O, ^{ARG} MINISTER OF LABOR; NORMA ~~X~~ K E N N E D Y, ^{ARG} RIGHT-WING PERONIST LEADER; JULIO ~~X~~ G O N Z A L E Z, ^{ARG} TECHNICAL SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY; AND FRANCISCO ~~X~~ A L V A R E Z, ^{ARG} PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR; COMPRISE THE NUCLEUS OF THE SECTOR WHICH IS ANTICIPATING A SECOND TERM FOR PRESIDENT MARTINEZ DE PERON. THE LOPEZ REGA SUPPORTERS BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER SECTOR OF PERONISM, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA AND DUILIO BRUNELLO, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE JUSTICIALIST PARTY, FORESEES THE POSSIBLE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO 1977 AND IS PREPARING CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SUCH AN EVENTUALITY. THE LOPEZ REGA

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PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSOR TO THE PRESIDENT UPON THE ABSENCE OR DEATH OF BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. ROCAMORA IS ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE THE LAW AND HAVE THE NATIONAL CONGRESS DESIGNATE A PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT FROM CONGRESS. UPON THE ABSENCE OR DEATH OF BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.)

5. THE LOPEZ REGA SUPPORTERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LASTIRI, WHO INITIALLY OWED HIS PROMINANCE ENTIRELY TO LOPEZ REGA, HAS A GREAT DEAL OF ACCEPTANCE BY SEVERAL POWER SECTORS OF THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE UCR AND THE ARMED FORCES, AS A RESULT OF HIS PERFORMANCE AS PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT IN THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT HECTOR C A M P O R A IN JUNE 1973. THEY FEEL THAT LASTIRI IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GROWING OPPOSITION TO LOPEZ REGA WITHIN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT, LABOR, THE MILITARY AND OPPOSITION PARTIES TO PRESENT HIMSELF AS A VIABLE POLITICAL ALTERNATIVE, SHOULD FUTURE EVENTS CAUSE THE PRESIDENT TO RESIGN AND LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

COMMENT:

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ARGENTINE POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS HAVE BEEN HESITANT TO PRESS THE PRESIDENT TO DISMISS LOPEZ REGA BECAUSE

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OF THE FEAR THAT HIS DEPARTURE WOULD ALSO RESULT IN THE
RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF
A POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY.)

6. WHILE THE SUPPORTERS OF LOPEZ REGA FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT
THE EFFORTS OF LASTIRI, ROCAMORA, BRUNELLO, WHO ARE ALSO SUPPORTED
BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE ANTONIO ABENITEZ, WILL BE THWARTED
BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER, THEY ARE NONTHELESS WATCHING THE
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA WITH GREAT INTEREST.
TRADITIONALLY, POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CORDOBA ARE A MICROCOSM
OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AT THIS TIME IN
VIEW OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN ROCAMORA AND
FEDERAL INTERVENTOR LACABANNE. ROCAMORA IS DETERMINED TO FORCE
LACABANNE TO RESIGN HIS POST, BUT THUS FAR LOPEZ REGA HAS BEEN

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ABLE TO PREVENT THIS FROM OCCURRING. IF LACABANNE IS ABLE TO
RETAIN HIS POSITION OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF ROCAMORA, THE SUPPORTERS
OF LOPEZ REGA WILL VIEW THIS AS AN INDICATION THAT ROCAMORA AND
THE THRUST OF THE MODERATE PERONISTS CAN BE CONTAINED.  EO25x1

COMMENT: THE ISSUE IN CORDOBA IS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED THAN THE
POLITICAL AND PERSONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ROCAMORA AND LACABANNE.
THE PERONIST MOVEMENT IN THE PROVINCE IS EFFECTIVELY SPLIT BETWEEN
THE RIGHT-WING ORTHODOX PERONISTS, INCLUDING THE 62 PERONIST ARG
ORGANIZATIONS AND THE ~~REGIONAL~~ GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION (CGT),
WHO ARE SUPPORTING LACABANNE AT THIS TIME, AND THE MODERATE
PERONIST SECTOR WHICH IS SUPPORTING ROCAMORA AND THE JUSTICIALIST
PARTY INTERVENTOR ARMANDO C A S A S N O B L E G A. ALSO, ARG,
LACABANNE HAS MADE NUMEROUS, SERIOUS POLITICAL MISTAKES, WHICH HAVE
SERVED TO ALIENATE MANY SECTORS OF THE PROVINCE. FOR
THIS REASON IT IS JUDGED THAT HIS RESIGNATION WOULD NOT
NECESSARILY SIGNIFY A ROCAMORA VICTORY OVER LOPEZ REGA. ON THE
OTHER HAND, THE CONTINUANCE OF LACABANNE IN HIS PRESENT
POSITION WOULD PROBABLY REPRESENT A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE
CONTINUED POWER AND INFLUENCE OF LOPEZ REGA.

7.  COMMENT: THE FOREGOING INFORMATION REPRESENTS

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A VIEW OF THE POLITICAL EFFERVESCENCE WITHIN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT
ON A SOMEWHAT LIMITED SCOPE--ESSENTIALLY COVERING THE MANEUVERING
AND PLANS BY THAT SECTOR OF ORTHODOX PERONISM WHICH IS UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF LOPEZ REGA, AS WELL AS THE PURPORTED ACTIVITIES OF
MODERATE PERONISTS. IT DOES NOT TREAT THE POSITION OF THE ^{ARG}~~PERONIST~~
LABOR MOVEMENT IN THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN LOPEZ REGA AND ROCAMORA,
NOR DOES IT DISCUSS WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, ECONOMY MINISTER
ALFREDO ~~X~~ GOMEZ ~~X~~ MORALES ^{ARG} MIGHT PLAY IN THE INFIGHTING.
HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION DOES GIVE SOME INDICATION THAT MODERATE
PERONISTS ARE MAKING INITIAL PREPARATIONS FOR AN ORDERLY TRANSFER
OF POWER, SHOULD SUCH A POSSIBILITY BECOME NECESSARY PRIOR TO 1977.)

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DOI : MID-FEBRUARY 1975

SUBJECT : FORMATION OF NEW RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUPS;

AND INTENTION OF THESE GROUPS TO FINANCE THEIR
ACTIVITIES BY ILLEGAL MEANS

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1. ON 20 FEBRUARY 1975 COMMISSIONER MAJOR EDUARDO PEDRO

ARG
R A M I R E Z, CHIEF OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR POLITICAL-
SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR FEDERAL SECURITY (FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE),

IS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING A NUMBER OF
SECRET COUNTERTERRORIST GROUPS TO UNDERTAKE ACTIONS AGAINST
LEFTIST LEADERS IN ARGENTINA, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE PEOPLE'S

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~~X~~REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). [REDACTED] NO ACTIVE DUTYFEDERAL POLICE OFFICER WOULD PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE
ACTIONS OF THE GROUP. INSTEAD, [REDACTED] HE INTENDS TO USE

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MEMBERS OF THE ~~X~~ORGANIZATION COMMAND ~~X~~COMANDO DE ORGANIZACION, ARG.

C DE O), A RIGHT-WING PERONIST GROUP WHICH IS LED BY PERONIST

NATIONAL DEPUTY ALBERTO ~~X~~B R I T O L I M A. [REDACTED]

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ARG.LEADER OF ORGANIZATION COMMAND

[REDACTED] IMPRESSED BY THE VAST AMOUNT OF INTELLIGENCE

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INFORMATION WHICH THE C DE O HAS ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES AND

THAT THIS INFORMATION COULD BE USED TO MOUNT A NUMBER OF

OPERATIONS.

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2. [REDACTED]

OFFICER MAJOR JUAN ALEJANDRO~~X~~POCINA WOULD HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECTING
THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW GROUPS. ~~CHIEF OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND OF THE~~
~~GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR POLITICAL-SOCIAL AFFAIRS~~
~~FOR FEDERAL SECURITY~~ARG.

COORDINATION BETWEEN THE GROUPS AND POCINA WILL BE HANDLED

BY TWO SECRET SERVICE OFFICERS WHO ARE KNOWN AS ALIAS "PAJARO"

AND ALIAS "SANGRE." [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] POCINA HOLDS THE MOST SENIOR RANK IN FEDERAL
POLICE SECRET SERVICE. WHEN FEDERAL SECURITY WAS REORGANIZED
IN JANUARY 1975, HE WAS NAMED CHIEF OF THE INTELLIGENCE~~SECRET~~

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COMMAND OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR POLITICAL-SOCIAL AFFAIRS. IN THIS POSITION, POCINA SUPERVISES THE UNDERCOVER TEAMS USED BY ALL DEPARTMENTS IN FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE. HE REPORTS DIRECTLY TO RAMIREZ.)

3. [REDACTED] ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUPS TO BE FORMED WILL RECEIVE SETS OF FALSE DOCUMENTS WHICH CAN BE USED TO IDENTIFY THEM AS MEMBERS OF ANY OF THE ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, OR AS MEMBERS OF THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FOREGOING SERVICES OFTEN USE FALSE FEDERAL POLICE DOCUMENTATION WHILE CARRYING OUT ILLEGAL OPERATIONS; [REDACTED]

4. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FUNDS TO OPERATE THE NEW GROUPS, [REDACTED] PLANS TO CARRY RAIDS ON SEVERAL LARGE ILLEGAL MONEY CHANGERS IN BUENOS AIRES AND SEIZE THEIR OPERATING CAPITAL. ONE-HALF OF THE MONEY OBTAINED IN THIS FASHION IS TO BE USED FOR OPERATING EXPENSES--WEAPONS, SAFE SITES, VEHICLES, ETC.--AND ONE-HALF WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OFFICERS INVOLVED. SINCE MONEY SPECULATION IS ILLEGAL, [REDACTED] DOES NOT

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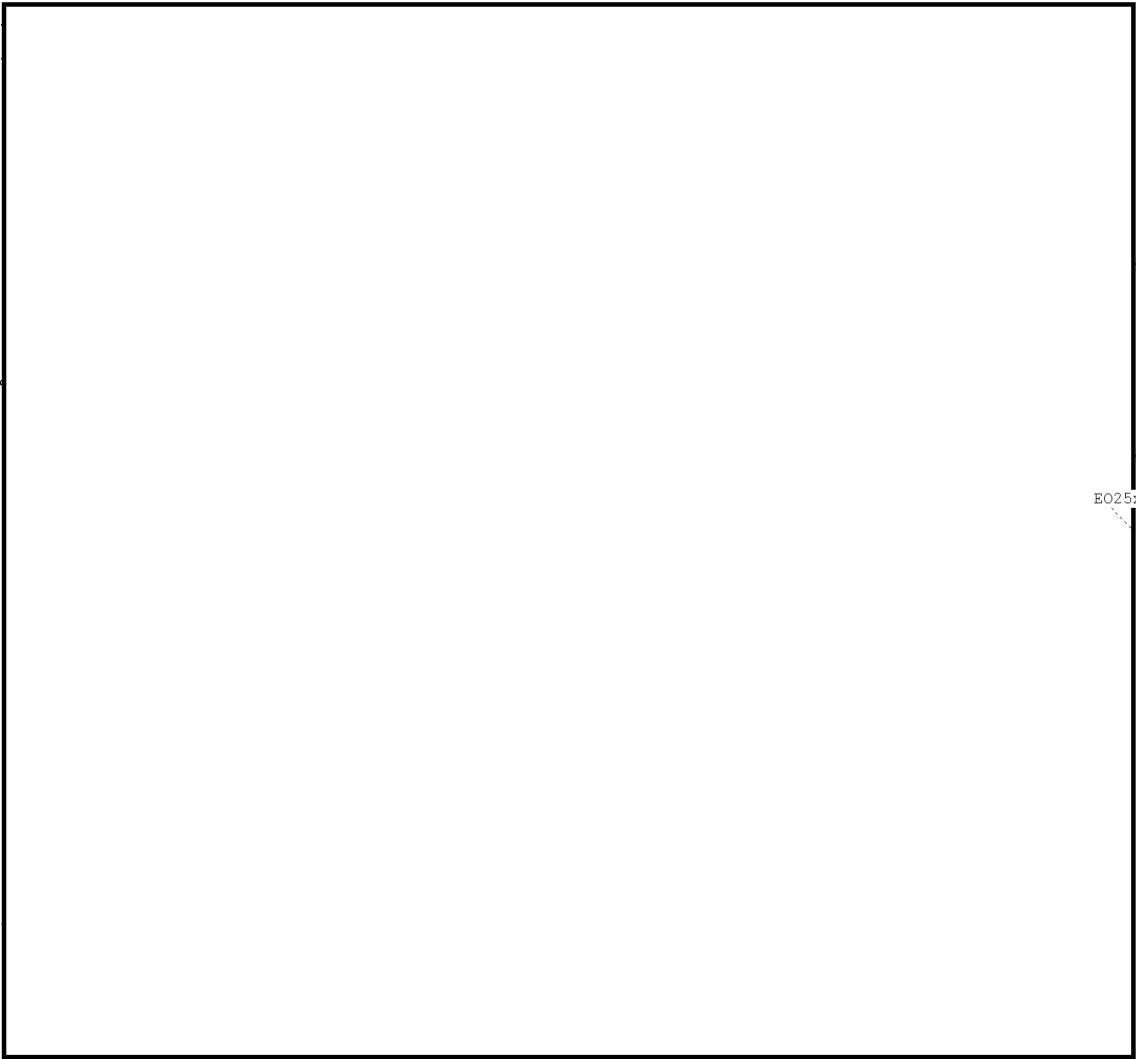
ANTICIPATE A FORMAL PROTEST BY THE MONEY CHANGERS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COULD NOT DISCARD THE POSSIBILITY OF
ABDUCTING UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESSMEN FOR RANSOM AS ANOTHER
MEANS TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR HIS GROUPS. [REDACTED] THE50-50 SPLIT WOULD ALSO BE UTILIZED IN SUCH ABDUCTIONS FOR
RANSOM. [REDACTED] COMMENT: RAMIREZ IS PROBABLY SINCERE IN HIS
DESIRE TO COMBAT LEFTIST TERRORISTS EXTRAOFFICIALLY; HOWEVER,
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE ALSO DESIRES TO GAIN A LARGE PERSONAL
PROFIT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MORE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED
FOR FUND RAISING PURPOSES THAT TO COMBAT LEFT-WING TERRORISTS.)

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FEDERAL INTERVENTOR OF CORDUBA AND THE MINISTER
OF INTERIOR; MANEUVERING BY JOSE LOPEZ REGA

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1. [REDACTED] CARLOS ALEJANDRO ~~V I L L O N E~~, *ARG*

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, [REDACTED] TO RAUL

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~~L A C A B A N N E~~, FEDERAL INTERVENTOR (ADMINISTRATOR) OF

THE PROVINCE OF CORDUBA, TO ADVISE HIM OF THE LATEST DEVELOP-

MENTS IN HIS CURRENT STRUGGLE TO RETAIN HIS POSITION.

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INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ~~R O C A M O R A~~ HAD REQUESTED THE

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IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF LACABANNE AS FEDERAL INTERVENTOR, A
MOTION THAT WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED BY JOSE ~~L O P E Z~~ ~~R E G A~~, *ARG*
SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT.

LOPEZ REGA POINTED OUT THAT LACABANNE HAD ACCOMPLISHED A
GREAT DEAL IN REDUCING THE GUERRILLA THREAT IN THE PROVINCE
OF CORDOBA AND THAT HE DID NOT DESERVE TO BE "THROWN TO THE
WOLVES OF THE RADICAL PARTY." PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA
M A R T I N E Z SUPPORTED THE POSITION OF LOPEZ REGA AND
SAID THAT LACABANNE WOULD NOT BE RELIEVED OF HIS POSITION FOR
THE TIME BEING.

IF ROCAMORA DOES NOT AGREE TO THE MEETING, LACABANNE

TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES WHEN

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PRESIDENT MARTINEZ DE PERON WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM
HER VISIT TO BARILOCHE, AND PRESENT HIS RESIGNATION AS

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FEDERAL INTERVENTOR, EXPLAINING IN FULL DETAIL HIS DIFFICULTIES
WITH THE INTERIOR MINISTER. [REDACTED] THE

PRESIDENT WILL NOT ACCEPT LACABANNE'S RESIGNATION AND WILL
CRITICIZE ROCAMORA'S FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH LACABANNE'S
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] ROCAMORA

IS ATTEMPTING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH RICARDO B A L B I N
OF THE RADICAL CIVIC UNION (UCR) AND, FOR THIS REASON, LOPEZ
REGA WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT HIS REMOVAL FROM THE
CABINET. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

LACABANNE MADE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES ON 12 OR 13
FEBRUARY.)

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] INTERIOR MINISTER
ROCAMORA MADE SEVERAL INTERESTING DECLARATIONS TO THE PRESS
CONCERNING INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTERS. IN RESPONSE TO A
QUESTION RELATING TO THE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT HAS IN LACABANNE, ROCAMORA SAID THAT CONFIDENCE
IS A RELATIVE THING AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. HE SAID THAT THE
GOVERNMENT IS NOT THINKING OF REMOVING LACABANNE AT THIS TIME,
BUT THERE WERE MANY ASPECTS IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA WHICH
CAUSE CONCERN. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN

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BALBIN AND THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT BEEN ARRANGED BUT THAT IT
COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME.)

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